House Concurrent Resolution 202

Introduced and printed pursuant to House Rule 12.00. Presession filed (at the request of House Interim Committee on Rules for Representative Shelly Boshart Davis)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Recognizes and honors retired Oregon State Police Sergeant John Burright (1959-2021) for his service to this state.

1	CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	Whereas Oregon State Police Sergeant John Burright was born on October 28, 1959, to Helen
3	and Kenneth Burright; and
4	Whereas Sergeant Burright grew up in Corvallis, Oregon, with his older siblings Dave and
5	Mary; and
6	Whereas Sergeant Burright graduated from Crescent Valley High School in 1978; and
7	Whereas Sergeant Burright attended Oregon State University and, while enrolled as a student
8	he worked as a security officer; and
9	Whereas Sergeant Burright followed multiple family members into law enforcement, including
10	his father, Ken, and his brother, Dave, a former Linn County Sheriff; and
11	Whereas 14 Burright family members currently work or have formerly worked in careers in-
12	volving law enforcement; and
13	Whereas Sergeant Burright joined the Oregon State Police (OSP) in 1987 at age 27; and
14	Whereas Sergeant Burright began working out of the Roseburg OSP office, and he quickly made
15	a name for himself; and
16	Whereas Sergeant Burright transferred to the Albany OSP office in 1989 and later transferred
17	to the Salem office; and
18	Whereas in 1995, Sergeant Burright attended the State of Oregon's first school in the Drug Re-
19	cognition Expert (DRE) program, and in 1996, he became certified as an expert and served as an
20	instructor in the DRE school; and
21	Whereas in 1996, Sergeant Burright was awarded the OSP's Holly V. Holcomb Award for
22	heroism, with fellow OSP trooper and good friend Rich Pileggi and OSP Lieutenant Chuck Hayes
23	for pulling a man from a burning vehicle; and
24	Whereas in 2001, Sergeant Burright received the OSP's trooper of the year award; and
25	Whereas during Sergeant Burright's 14-year OSP career, he served in the Patrol Division and
26	the Criminal Division, and he was one of the original members of the Mobile Response Team; and

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

of humor with all those with whom he came into contact; and

sons-Kyle, Jeremy and Nolan-and grandfather to Jace and Ari; and

Whereas Sergeant Burright was a courageous and dedicated professional who shared his sense

Whereas Sergeant Burright was a devoted and loving husband to Rhonda, father to three

Whereas Sergeant Burright loved playing all types of sports, and he worked hard to keep his

2728

29

30 31 1 fitness at a very high level; and

5

6

7

8 9

10

11 12

13

14 15

16

17 18

19

20

21 22

23

2425

2627

28

29 30

31

32

33

- 2 Whereas Sergeant Burright enjoyed camping and fishing with his family and friends; and
- Whereas the lives of Sergeant Burright and those closest to him were forever changed on September 4, 2001; and

Whereas on that evening, Sergeant Burright, OSP Senior Trooper Maria Mignano and Officer Jason Hoerauf of the Albany Police Department were struck by a vehicle on Interstate-5 near Albany as they were assisting a family whose van had broken down on the highway; and

Whereas Senior Trooper Mignano and Officer Hoerauf were killed instantly and Sergeant Burright sustained critical injuries from which he never recovered and which caused him to medically retire in 2002; and

Whereas from December 2001 to May 4, 2021, Sergeant Burright received around-the-clock care from a private care facility in Albany; and

Whereas despite Sergeant Burright's injuries, his wife recalls that he had the ability to comprehend everything in his surroundings and that he was able to hear and communicate through facial expressions, eye rolls and laughter; and

Whereas Sergeant Burright was fully aware that he was well taken care of and loved by his family, friends and the entire staff who tended to him at the care facility; and

Whereas Sergeant Burright fought for his life with toughness and bravery, and his tremendous physical fitness played a role in his survival; and

Whereas Sergeant Burright died on May 4, 2021, almost 20 years after he sustained his traumatic injuries; and

Whereas OSP officials attributed Sergeant Burright's early death to the injuries he sustained on September 4, 2001, and they designated his passing as a "line of duty" death; and

Whereas Sergeant Burright was the 34th OSP trooper to die in the line of duty; and

Whereas Sergeant Burright is survived by his wife and their three sons, two grandchildren, his mother, his brother, his sister and many other family members, friends and colleagues who honor him; and

Whereas on April 21, 2016, in a dedication ceremony held outside the new OSP headquarters building, a Salem street was named in honor of Sergeant Burright; and

Whereas Sergeant Burright was a dedicated law enforcement officer who served the people of the State of Oregon with honor and distinction; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Sergeant John Burright for his service to this state.

34 35